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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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2 portion of Interstate 69 the Trooper William J. "Joe" Trees Memorial
3 Highway.

4 *Whereas, Trooper William Trees was an Indiana State*
5 *Police Officer who was killed in a traffic accident on June*
6 *26, 1972 while in pursuit of a traffic violator;*

7 *Whereas, William Trees was born on November 25, 1943*
8 *in Marion, Indiana to Bill and Ruth Trees;*

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10 *Whereas, Trooper Trees was raised in Upland and*
11 *graduated from Jefferson High School. He joined the United*
12 *States Navy during the Vietnam War and was honorably*
13 *discharged in 1968;*

14 *Whereas, Trooper Trees attended the Indiana State*
15 *Police Academy and was appointed an Indiana State Trooper*
16 *on September 1, 1968;*

17 *Whereas, Trooper Trees was assigned to the Evansville*
18 *post and remained active in the Oakland City community*
19 *where he lived until his death. He was a member of the*
20 *Jaycees, helped establish a teen center where he chaperoned*
21 *dances, coached little league baseball and was an active*
22 *member of Our Savior Lutheran Church;*



1 *Whereas, At the time of his death, Trooper Trees was*
2 *married to Marsha Clamme Trees, with whom he had a 18*
3 *month old daughter named Jodi Lynn. Marsha was three*
4 *months pregnant with their second child, William Joseph*
5 *Trees, Jr., at the time of Trooper Trees' death; and*

6 *Whereas, In recognition of his ultimate sacrifice, the*
7 *Indiana Department of Transportation is urged to rename a*
8 *portion of Interstate 69, from the State Road 168 interchange*
9 *to the State Road 64 interchange, the Trooper William J.*
10 *"Joe" Trees Memorial Highway: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
12 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*
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14 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly urges INDOT to
15 rename a portion of Interstate 69 the Trooper William J. "Joe" Trees
16 Memorial Highway.

17 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
18 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana Department of
19 Transportation.

